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SUBJECT: TAXATION OF USG-OWNED PROPERTY

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1. OFFICE OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (S/CPR) REPORTS THAT DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE RECORD OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES PAID BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. AS NOTED IN 2 FAM 271.2, TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND USED FOR CONSULAR OR OTHER PURPOSES IN THE VARIOUS STATES IS A LOCAL MATTER AND, ACCORDINGLY, EACH CASE REQUIRES SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

2. WE HAVE CONTACTED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON AND INQUIRED WHETHER THEY ARE PAYING LOCAL
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PROPERTY TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED AND LOCATED IN SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES. THEY DID NOT HAVE INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE BUT PROMISED US REPORT WITHIN A FEW DAYS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELAYED TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DEPARTMENT TO KNOW WHAT TAXES,

IF ANY, ARE IMPOSED ON U.S. GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTIES
IN PERTH AND MELBOURNE. ARE THEY EXEMPTED FROM LOCAL
REAL PROPERTY TAXES? PLEASE ADVISE.

4. PLEASE CAPTION RESPONSE FOR EA/EX. COOPER

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